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Gentlemen,

THE following is written by a perſon, who was willing to contribute his mite towards the ſuppreſſing a piece of Impudence that is growing up amongſt us, if you find any thing in it worth inſerting in your Paper, his end is anſwered. —— If you don't care to print it as it ſtands, I can only ſay, 'tis at your ſervice; and any alterations that you make, will not in the leaſt diſoblige,

Your reader and admirer,

MEANWELL.

Amongſt other laudable attempts that have been made of late for the improvement of the Engliſh Stage by our Theatrical *Projectors*, I muſt confeſs, I was ſomewhat ſurprized at one, which was ſtarted by an * *extraordinary Genius* in that way ſome time ago. —— The Scheme ſeemed to me to be built on no leſs a *Poſtulatum* than the following, That it might be an eaſy thing for him (the *Projector*) through his own *uncommon diſcernment* in all requiſites for the Stage, to fix on ſome young perſons with good capacities, who, on their firſt appearance, would exceed all thoſe whom we, in our preſent depravity of taſte, call *good Actors*; and would infallibly convince the world, that long ſtudy and experience were not neceſſary to form a Player; and that, provided a man would put on the *reſolution to* BE *for an hour or two, the very perſon, he would ſeem*, he could not miſs ſucceſs.

I own, for my part, I have hitherto had no great opinion of theſe *Extempore Actors*: for, as often as I have had the misfortune to be at the Play-houſe, when a Gentleman has condeſcended kindly to expoſe himſelf a volunteer to the Town in this way, or (as it is often expreſſed) to perform *for his own diverſion*; ſo often have I been confirmed in my opinion, that thoſe attempts prove merely for the *diverſion* of themſelves, and no body elſe, unleſs it be ſome ill-natured Wits, who are beſt entertained when they ſee a perſon in a diſagreeable and contemptible ſituation. Beſides, the confidence and ſelf-conceit, that muſt be ſuppoſed in any man, in order to puſh him upon ſuch an undertaking (provided it be done without any view of future profit) is ſufficient to give the moſt impartial audience ſomething of antipathy and prejudice againſt him. The vanity and oſtentation is ſhown ſo much in the attempt, that all the modeſty and unaffectedneſs, which he may aſſume at the time of his appearance, will ſcarce be able to attone for it.

But indeed, if through decay of fortune, or Inability to applie to any thing better, he comes there only as a Probationer, with deſign to make it afterwards his buſineſs, and ſupport, in caſe he meets with the Town's applauſe; this alters the caſe extremely: and if this be his intent, I can't help thinking, that it ought by ſome means or other, to be modeſtly inſinuated to the Town. I am pretty confident, that there is ſo much good nature in moſt Audiences, that the diſguſt which they have juſtly taken up againſt theſe *Extempore* ROSCIUS's, theſe BUFFOONS by *particular deſire*, and for their *own diverſion*, would immediately vaniſh, when they conſider the attempt, not as a conceited frolick, but as a laudable endeavour for a comfortable ſubſiſtence.

I believe the maſters of our publick ſchools never made any attempt which met with more approbation, than that of forming their ſcholars habitually to a confidence and addreſs, by the acting of antient and modern Plays. There is no doubt, but it is both highly inſtructive and delighting to the ſcholars themſelves, and very often proves a moſt agreeable and rational entertainment even to the moſt judicious ſpectators. I have known, not only the DAVUS's, SYRUS's, and PHORMIO's, but even the beſt and moſt difficult parts of our own Plays, meet with great, and, I think, generally juſt applauſe. — The end and intent of this exerciſe, is to give the young Actors aſſurance requiſite for the real ſcenes of buſineſs on the Stage of the World. —— But if any of theſe young Gentlemen, when arrived to the age of five or ſix and twenty, with a fortune fit for other employments, ſhould reflect, that at ſchool they performed ſuch and ſuch parts with great applauſe; and then ſhould ſo far miſtake the end of thoſe exerciſes, as to make the attempt again at their preſent age, and ground no other hopes of improvement on this talent, than that of ſtrutting with buſkins and turban on a publick Stage, and receiving half a dozen thundering claps from the gallery; in my humble opinion, it would be a very paltry ambition, quite degenerate and unworthy of their education: and I really can't help thinking it incumbent on the Town, by their diſcountenancing them at firſt, to hinder the unhappy youths from making the ſame ſilly attempt for the future.

For my own part, I own I am at a loſs to frame a more diſagreeable idea, than that of a young Gentleman (whom one might have hoped to have ſeen in a better place) decked out in all the pomp of tinſel and dramatick finery, ſtalking about the Stage, *ſawing the air with his hands, and tearing a paſſion to rags:* while the Under-actors, *Prompters*, and Candle-ſnuffers, wonder at the ſtrength of his genius and lungs; ſome of the Audience laughing, and all his friends pitying him; whilſt he, confident of his own ſuperior merit, and careleſs of the ſentiments of the Spectators, perſiſts undaunted, alternately whining and bellowing.

——— *Modo Summâ*
Voce, modo hac, reſonat quâ Chordis quatuor ima.

When a young perſon firſt begins to take this unfortunate turn, we generally hear of him making his firſt puſh at Panton-ſtreet, or York Buildings, or ſome or other of our Great Rooms about Town; where he *exhibits* to an Audience of Friends, Relations, and Acquaintance; and if either himſelf, or any of his *Acquaintance* happen to be *acquainted* with four or five perſons of Quality, they are, if poſſible, to be drawn thither too; for by this, it commences in the next day's *Papers*, *an Audience compoſed of perſons of the firſt diſtinction.* —— Here the young Hero ſhows away, and meets (who doubts it?) with *univerſal applauſe!* prodigious! There is action! That's a fine attitude! Behold the tread of a BETTERTON, united with the poſture of a SENISINO! And then in an Antitheſis between *Deſpair* and *Hope*, or *Hell* and *Heaven*, &c. he can mount up from MONTAGNANA to FARINELLI *in Alt!* Let QUIN tremble! —— Here's one ſhall teach him what acting is; and ſhall demonſtrate to *true Judges*, that all the reſt (except PISTOL and *Prince* PRETTYMAN) are a pack of Actors † *general, plaſtick, and unſpecificate.*

But, if after this mock ordeal of ſev'n of theſe Audiences, ‖ *ſev'n juſtly charmed and applauding Audiences*, this DRAWCANSIR ſhould meet with a different treatment on the publick Stage; and ſhould find the decree, which was irregularly obtained in his favour from a partial bench of Judges, reverſed by the full Parliament of the Town; I would teach him Philoſophy enough, not to be grievouſly diſappointed, nor confident that he is really a *great genius*, and that 'tis only the *ignorance* and *envy* of a few that has oppreſs'd him: nor would I, above all, adviſe him to print, or ſuffer to be printed, any ſelf-conceited Aſſeverations, nor witty Parables, modeſty inſinuating that he is a *Horſe*, and the reſt of the Actors *Mules*, and the Pit a confederate tribe of *Aſſes*.

But whilſt I am blaming this emblematical way of managing Controverſy; a Fable pretty much in point to the preſent ſuppoſed Caſe occurs to my memory, which, tho' it is a very trite one, I cannot diſſuade myſelf from concluding with.

Once a young Piper (Muſician he called himſelf) had for ſome time been accuſtomed *in Triviis* (according to VIRGIL)

Stridenti miſerum ſtipulâ diſperdere Carmen;

and had had the ſecret pleaſure of meeting, in that way, with *univerſal approbation.* The applauſe of his *trivial* auditors roſe at laſt to ſo unreaſonable a height, that he began to aſſume the air and title of a *Virtuoſo di Flauto*, and to look upon himſelf as a *great genius*, ſent from above for the reformation of Muſick. This made him determine to quit his *circumforaneous* method of performing, and ſhine on the principal Theatre: and to this undertaking he was much *prompted*, by a perſon of a very ſingular taſte and judgment, who pretended to be a great *Connoiſſeur* in Piping. —— This *Prompter* of his paved the way for his Friend's appearance, by aſſerting publickly, That their moſt eminent Performer (the MARTINI of that age) had neither Grace, Spirit, nor Melody in his playing. In ſhort, the day is fixed,—the Chiefs were ſat,—the Hero takes the Stage, and with much geſticulation, flies over a cracked inſtrument, in many artleſs and unnatural diviſions. All the Audience laugh, and ſome hiſs;—he burſts away indignant; and is very poſitive that the other Performer, apprehenſive of being eclipſed, hired a party to mortify him. But alaſs! he finds the diſlike was too general. However, there is no doubt, but that both he and his *prompting* Acquaintance, had recourſe to the uſual *Dernier Reſort* of perſons in theſe circumſtances; and retired enjoying this ſolid and comfortable reflection, that they were ſtill in the right, and that all that were of another opinion knew nothing at all of the matter, but laboured under a vile apprehenſion, and a *Damn'd bad Taſte.*

IN anſwer to the *Letter* of *W. P.* in the *London Daily Poſt* of *Mar.* 15. I ſhall make ſome obſervations thereupon, which, I think, will plainly manifeſt, that the Writer of it is no *Complete Gentleman.*

I. In the very firſt paragraph he commits a *blunder*; for he ſays, 'The Perſon, who ſigned himſelf NEITHER-'SIDE, in the two laſt Grub-ſtreet Journals', — whereas there is no ſuch name as NEITHERSIDE in the Journal of *Mar.* 11. which was one of the *laſt* before the date of his Letter *Mar.* 12. therefore he is a *Blunderer*, and conſequently no *Complete Gentleman.*

II. In the next paragraph he makes another *blunder*, and alſo a *quibble*: the *blunder*, in ſaying that I am a *Quaker by Profeſſion*; that being a name given us by others, but never aſſumed by ourſelves: the *quibble*, in applying the word *Profeſſion*, at the ſame time, both to my religion and my trade: therefore being a *Quibbler*, as well as a *Blunderer*, he is no *Complete Gentleman.*

III. Next he ſays, 'Upon the *Truth, Sincerity* and '*Honour* of a *Gentleman*, that upon my aſſuring him, 'the firſt of the Facts charged upon me, was falſe; and 'referring him to the Preface itſelf.' [*having it not before us*] 'for a Detection of the other, he ſaid, *Friend, thou 'art injured, and they ſhall be retracted; draw up ſome-'thing thyſelf, to ſet the matter right, and I'll print it.*' —— Now is it in the leaſt probable, that I, who had never ſeen the ſaid *Preface*, and who (as *Printer*) am but a Servant to the Proprietors of this Paper, ſhould expreſs myſelf in the foregoing manner; without either ſeeing the one, or conſulting the other? But, take my words, *as well as I can remember*; which (after he ſhewed me a *Letter* ſigned *A. B.* and pointed out his grievances in our *Journal*, &c.) were, *Well, Friend, if what thou ſay'ſt be true, doubtleſs thou art injured*; and, *if thou wilt draw up any thing thyſelf, either to introduce, or follow that Letter, and ſend both to me, I will hand them to the perſons concerned in our Journal, who, I believe, will order them to be inſerted: or, if thou wilt leave the Letter, perhaps they will ſay ſomething in relation to it themſelves; for they do not like any body ſhould be miſrepreſented*, &c. and I am poſitive, that neither the word *retracted, recanted*, or *contradicted*, was uſed by me. For he did not inſiſt ſo much on a *Retractation*, &c. as on my telling him, who it was that had ſigned himſelf NEITHERSIDE; which, I acquainted him, I could not tell, becauſe the Letters ſigned by that name came from an *unknown* correſpondent; and, that I really believed, not one of the perſons concerned in the Journal knew, who wrote thoſe Letters. From whence it is plain, that he has given an *untrue* repreſentation of my words, and therefore is no *Complete Gentleman.*

IV. In the laſt two lines of this paragraph, he ſeems to be ſuſpicious, that his *own reputation* as a *Gentleman*, will not have ſufficient credit with the public; ſince he there offers 'to make *Affidavit* of the *FACT* [as he calls 'it] in the ſolemneſt Manner, *Religion* or *Law* can pre-'ſcribe'. But his offering to *ſwear* ſo *ſolemnly*, upon ſuch a trifling occaſion, I think, is a full teſtimony, that the *Truth, Sincerity* and *Honour*, he before gives us, are not ſuch as belong to a *Complete Gentleman.*

V. In the next paragraph there is another inſtance of his *quibbling*, and likewiſe of *falſhood*, or *vile Inſinuation*: of quibbling, in repreſenting what I ſaid to him, as a ſolemn '*Affirmation*, equal to another's OATH'. —— Of falſhood, in charging me with departing from that ſolemn *Affirmation*; whereas I had made none. This, ſurely, is another proof, that he is no *Complete Gentleman.*

VI. In his firſt paragraph *W. P.* ſtyles my *Anſwer* an *Advertiſement*; in his laſt an *Affirmation.* In his 2d paragr. he ſays, *J. H. affirms in that Paper*; in the laſt, *W. P.* declares, 'That I ſhould think myſelf wanting, in '..... a *Regard to Truth*, ſhou'd I venture to ſay,

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* See *Preface* to *Zara.*

† See *Preface* to *Zara*, and *Prompters.* ‖ Ibid.

' or even to think he [*J. H.*] drew it [the *Answer*, *Advertisement*, or *Affirmation*] up.' This *Inconsistency* seems not at all *consistent* with the *best Characteristick of a* Complete *Gentleman*.

VII. I am now come to his grand, tho' *false Assertion*, that I am ' the *Printer of a Paper* filled with nothing ' but *Scandal*, *Malice*, *Insolence* and *Falshood*'. This I hereby call upon him, either to *prove*, or else to *retract*, *recant*, or *contradict*; or, so far from owning him to be a *Complete Gentleman*, I shall always say, *He is* No Gentleman *at all*.

Lastly, As to his concluding *Threat*, I at first thought, as several of my acquaintance did, that he meant it of using some *carnal weapon*; but I have since found, by his sending a *neighbourly Attorney* to me, that he intends to *pray* for an *Information* in the Court of King's Bench [where, I do not in the least doubt, my *Prayer* against him will be heard as soon as his] against me, Upon which conduct in particular, as well as upon this whole controversy, I appeal to all the world, whether he has acted either like an *Ingenious Author*, or a *Complete Gentleman*.

J. H.

DOMESTIC NEWS.

P. *Daily Post-Boy.*
DP. *Daily Post.*
D J. *Daily Journal.*
DA. *Daily Advertiser.*
LP. *London Daily Post.*
G. *Daily Gazetteer.*
S J. *St. James's Evening Post.*
L E. *London Evening Post.*

THURSDAY, *March* 18. Yesterday being S. Patrick's day, tutelar Saint of Ireland, the same was observ'd at Court as a high festival, when their Majesties &c. wore crosses in honour of the day. *DJ.*

Above 100 noblemen and gentlemen are named commissioners for the bridge intended to be built. —— The commissioners for the intended lottery are also nominated, and are mostly those who managed and directed the last state lottery. *LP.*

The Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have been pleased to appoint Rob. Locke, Esq; to be store-keeper of the Navy-yard at Chatham. *DA.*

Yesterday John Hyde, Esq; was chose Deputy-governor of the London Assurance office. *DJ.* — In the room of Sir Joseph Eyles, chose Sub-governor. *DJ. DA.*

Last night a little before 7, the coachman of a stage coach getting down at Temple bar, the horses took head and gallop'd down Fleet-street, and kept clear of coaches, posts, &c. and were stopp'd at Fleet-ditch and no harm done: there were 3 women and a man in the coach. *LP.*

On friday the assizes ended at Oxford, when one man was capitally convicted, but was repriev'd. *DP.* ——— At Bedford two men were condemned, one of which is reprieved for transportation for 14 years. *G.*

Married, yesterday morning, Rich. Hammond of Putney, Esq; to Miss Price, a young Lady of 12,000 l. fortune. *DP.*

Died last week, at Greenwich-hospital, one Baker, aged 101; he had served the Crown near 50 years, and lost his arm in the last war with Spain. *P.* —— A few days since Franc. Northmore, of Wadhurst, in the county of Sussex, Esq; *DP.* —— Yesterday in S. Martin's-street, John Kinderly, Esq; of Coventry, worth above 30,000 l. *G.*

On tuesday a Journeyman builder fell off a scaffold in Southwark, and died on the spot. — Yesterday an elderly woman was found dead near S. Mildred's in the Poultry. *P.*

FRIDAY, *March* 19. Yesterday being the anniversary meeting of the Trustees for establishing the colony of Georgia, the right hon. the Lords Egmont, Tyrconnel, and Carpenter, &c. met at S. Brides, where an excellent sermon was preach'd by the rev. Mr. Watts, preacher at Lincoln's-inn. *DA.*

Yesterday the directors of the Bank of England declared a dividend of two three quarters on their stock. *DP. LP.* ——— The warrants to be ready on the 16th of April. *DA. LP.*

Yesterday Mr. Nutt, citizen and stationer, was chose a common-council man for the parish of S. Martin Ludgate, in the ward of Faringdon without, by a great majority of hands: a poll was granted in favour of Mr. Price, but he thought proper to give it up. *DA. LP.* ——— It being perceiv'd that one of the persons who demanded the poll was not a freeman, Sir Francis Child, &c. declared Mr. Nutt duly elected, according to an act of Parliament for that purpose. *P.*

We hear that it appears by the antient Records, that London-bridge was built by money rais'd by a brief. *DA.* ——— *We cannot find this* Record *in our* Archives.

Married yesterday at Brentwood, Rob. Saunders, to Miss Eliz. Godard, a fortune of 16,000 l. ——— Peirce Gallyard, Esq; to Miss Aston, with whom he had a considerable fortune. *DP.*

Died a few days since in Ormond-street, aged near 90, the Lady Matthews, relict of Sir George. *LP.* —— Yesterday, in Great George-street, Christ. Lawson, Esq; possessed of an estate of 2000 l. per ann. *G.*

The same morning a young woman, aged about 25, was found dead at the corner of Queen-street, Southwark; she was seen the night before very much disorder'd in liquor. *P.*

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 20. We hear, that the right hon. the Countess of Effingham, the Lady Viscountess Torrington, Lady Viscountess Carmichael, and the Lady Archibald Hamilton, are nominated to be Ladies of the bedchamber to the intended princess of Wales; and that Miss Dives, Miss Younge, Miss Schutz and Paulett, are to be her maids of honour. *DA.*

We hear, that the bill for building a bridge is ordered to be engross'd. *P.* —— Mr. Jernegan's Petition relating to his fine silver cistern was rejected. *P. DJ. DA. LP. G.*

We hear that the Mansion-house of the Lord Mayor will certainly be built at Stocks-market, according to the report made by the Committee. *P.* —— We hear, that upon searching the Records in the Tower, it has been found, that King Edward II. gave the profits of the ground at Stocks-market, to be apply'd for the repairing of London-bridge for ever. *LP.*

The Bill to restrain the disposition of lands, whereby the same become unalienable, is printed; by which we hear it is proposed, that no lands or moneys for the purchase of lands, shall hereafter be bequeathed, or chargeable with any bequest, for any pious or charitable uses whatsoever; nor any settlement of lands or moneys for the purchase of lands, be made in the life-time of any person, unless done in a certain time, to be fix'd by the said Bill, before the death of the donor. *DP.*

At Glocester assizes 26 persons were convicted for making a riot, &c. at Bristol, June 11 last. *DA.*

Died on wednesday, suddenly, as he was reading, Mr. Rich. Thinman, an eminent dealer in corn. *P.* —— At Mr. Cox's boarding-school at Harrow on the Hill, ... Lyons, Esq; a young gentleman possess'd of about 4000 l. per ann. *DP.* —— On Mar. 6. at Dublin, the right hon. the Lord Visc. Lanesborough. *P. DJ. DA. LP.*

Yesterday morning about 3, Mr. Morris, Clerk of the kitchen to a noble Peer, came to his house in Silver-court, Woodstock street, from the Braund's-head tavern in Bond-street, and his wife getting out of bed to let him in, some words unhappily passed between them, upon which she shot herself, and dy'd immediately: Mr. Morris was taken into custody. *DP.* ——— One Mrs. Stock got out of bed to let in her husband, &c. and soon after shot herself with a pistol. *DJ. DA. G.* — A cook to a noble Lord, drinking at Braund's-head, his wife came to fetch him away; and as soon as they were got home he shot her dead with a blunderbuss; upon which he was seiz'd, &c. *LP.* —— On saturday the Coroner's Inquest sate on the body of Mrs. Morris, and brought in their verdict, Lunacy. *DP. Mar.* 22. — On the body of Mrs. Stock, &c. *DA. Mar.* 22. —— On the body of Mrs. Stokes. *G. Mar.* 22. —— Mr. Conundrum *says, that tho' only one* pistol *was made use of in this unhappy affair, yet in these different accounts more* blunderbusses *than one were concerned.*

MONDAY, *March* 22. Yesterday the right rev. the Lord Bishop of Oxford preached before their Majesties, the Prince of Wales, &c. *P. DJ. DA.* —— And the rev. Dr. Worth before his highness the Duke, &c. *P.*

'Tis currently reported, that soon after the marriage of his highness the Prince of Wales, his Majesty will set out in order to visit his German dominions. *DJ.* —— We are assured that he will not go abroad this summer. *P.*

We hear that the Earl of Peterborough's blue garter, will be given to his serene highness the Duke of Saxe-Gotha. *LP.*

Many good men are greatly alarm'd at the attempt to restrain the bequeathing of lands for the promotion of religion and charity, which they think at a very low ebb already; and as no good government can long subsist without them, so 'tis humbly hoped, that all true lovers of the Reformation, the Revolution, and our happy constitution in church and state, and especially that the glorious 251, who so lately stood their ground in defence of the church of England will unite in opposition to it. *DP.*

We hear that the proposed Lottery is to consist of 125,000 tickets at 5 l. a ticket, and that there are to be one prize of 20,000 l. two of 10,000 l. and three of 5000 l. the smallest prizes are 10 l. *DA.*

On saturday the assizes ended at Maidstone, where four men were capitally convicted. *DA.*

Marrid on thursday Pet. Theobald, Esq; to Mrs. Whitchurch, a young Lady with 10,000 l. *LP.* ——— On saturday, at S. George's Hanover-square, Rog. Miller, Esq; to Miss Walter, a beautiful young Lady, with a fortune of 12,000 l. *P.*

Died a few days ago, at Eastwell in Kent, Sir George Ebison, Knt. *DP.* —— On wednesday at Ledbury in Herefordshire, Jacob Tonson, who had been Secretary to the Kit Kat Club. *P.* —— Worth 1500 l. per ann. *DP. LP.* ——— Worth 40,000 l. *DA.*

On saturday se'nnight, as Mr. Penrish, a gentleman of a great estate in Yorkshire, was fishing at the river Rye his son, aged about 10, fell into the river, and he jumping in to save him was drowned, but the son was taken out alive by a country fellow, and Mr. Penrish's corpse found near Ribbish Abbey. *P.*

Last friday a butcher passing by the Red-lyon tavern, Clerkenwell, gave some trifling provocation to a labourer paving the street; upon which he struck the butcher with his spade and split his skull. *LP.*

TUESDAY, *Mar.* 23. 'Tis reported, the rev. Dr. Gilbert, Dean of Exeter, will be made Bishop of S. Asaph, in the room of Dr. Tanner, deceas'd. *P.* ——— My Brethren *dispos'd of this* bishoprick *long ago to another person.*

The right hon. the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty have sent an express to Sir John Norris at Lisbon, with orders to continue there with the fleet till further orders. *P.* —— Yesterday came advice, that Admiral Balchen arriv'd on sunday at Portsmouth, with 8 of his Majesty's ships from Lisbon. *DA.*

Yesterday Sir Rob. Godschall, Knt. presented to the House of Commons, two petitions from the City, one against the new bridge, and the other against the bill proposed for better recovery of small debts. *DA. LP.* —— The same day the Borough of Southwark, and the watermen's Company, presented petitions against the bridge. *DA.*

Several persons are arrived in Town from Oxford and Cambridge, being deputed from the two Universities, to petition the Parliament against the bill *to restrain the dispositions of lands, whereby the same become unalienable. LP.*

Last wednesday the Assizes ended at Glocester, where four persons receiv'd sentence of death, but were afterwards repriev'd. *P. DA. LP. G.*

Seven persons were tried at the assizes at Glocester, for a riot on June 11 at Bristol, and acquitted. Above 12 poor people who had absconded were found guilty. *P. DA. LP. G. Mar.* 23.

Yesterday Marsh and Marshal, were executed for the murder of Mr. Pontifex, and afterwards hung in chains on Rye-common. *DJ.*

Married, yesterday, at Chilton in Wiltshire, Mr. John Golding, to a very beautiful and agreeable young gentlewoman of his own name, with a fortune of 5000 l. *DA.*

Died on friday se'nnight at Salisbury, Dr. Drake, an eminent physician. *DA.* —— Last sunday, at Barnes in Surry, Jacob Horne, of Upton in Worcestershire, Esq; worth 2000 l. per ann. *G.*

On saturday night Mr. Rigby, a surgeon (who has been delirious for some years past) hang'd himself in Ship-court, Water-lane. *DP.* ——— Yesterday Mr. John Ricq'bourge, &c. on saturday he delivered some money, notes, and bonds to a neighbour to take care of. *LP.* — Was found dead. *DA.* —— On thursday Mr. Freeman (who kept the Greyhound Inn at Maidenhead, lately burnt down) shot himself at an alehouse, the sign of mother Red-cap, near West-Wickham. *DA.* —— High Wickham. *DP.* — On friday, &c. he had lain in a wood all the night before, and there were very strong suspicions that he set the house on fire himself. *LP.*

WEDNESDAY, *March* 24. Yesterday Anderson, the soldier, was re-examined before Col. De Veil, when a gentleman of Canterbury swearing positively that he saw him there the day before the robbery, and another, the very same day, he was committed to Newgate.

Marsh and Marshal were executed on a gibbet 20 foot high: Marsh owned that he approached Mr. Pontifex with the pistol cocked, but his foot slipping it undesignedly went off. *LP.*

Married, On sunday at Weybridge, Tho. Crouch, of Moulsey, to Miss Tronton, a rich heiress. *DP.* ——— On monday Steph. Fox, Esq; member for Shaftsbury, to Miss Horner. *DP. DJ. DA. LP. G.*

Died Yesterday of the gout in his stomach, at Mill-bank, Nicholas Hawksmore, Esq; principal surveyor of his Majesty's works. *LP.*

Last week George Mapestead, of Marden in Kent, Esq; was found drowned in one of his ponds. *DP. DA. DJ.* ——— A gentleman of 1000 l. per ann. *LP.*

From the PEGASUS *in Grub-street.*

OUR PHILOSOPHER declared in N° 112. ' That as ' to the Christian Religion (even supposing it to ' be an *Imposture*) there is not a Religion now ' subsisting, that he would prefer to it, for this plain reason, that *it is full of most excellent Morals, calculated*

• *for the good of Mankind, and the leaſt oppreſſive* (kept in • its original purity) *of any.*'——To this it was anſwer-ed in *Journal* 319. ' Here he *ſuppoſes the Chriſtian Re-• ligion to be an impoſture*, and this not merely for argu-• ment's ſake: for in none of the Papers relating to this • Controverſy, has he made the leaſt Declaration, that • he believes it NOT *to be an impoſture.*'——To which his whole Reply is this, in No 133. ' A Wretch, ca-• pable of ſaying this of any man, is capable *of lighting • a* Smithfield *Pile himſelf*, and would, no doubt, if he • had the Power in his hands. If theſe are the ſenti-• ments of a Chriſtian, I can boldly borrow *Oroonoko*'s • Speech, and ſay to this *Reverend Cavalier, You are a* • Chriſtian, *Be a* Chriſtian *ſtill.*'——Tho' this way of arguing, much uſed by this Sect of *Philoſophers*, really deſerves no ſerious anſwer; yet, in the ſequel, I ſhall renew and reinforce the charge I had brought: and therefore may with the greater reaſon here immediately ſubjoin the following replication, which cannot be thought at all improper, ſince it is in the manner, and partly in the very words of this PHILOSOPHER himſelf. *A wretch, capable of* ſaying what he has ſay'd of the *Chriſtian Religion*, and of his own manner of *profeſſing* it, is *capable* of openly renouncing it, without the ter-ror of a *Smithfield Pile*; *and would, no doubt, if* That were the proper way of getting the poſſeſſion of wealth, *power*, and pleaſure into *his hands.*

In the next paragraph, (tho' he had juſt before boaſt-ed, that there was *not any* ſhadow *left of Eccleſiaſtical Power*) he charges me as a *ſhameleſs creature*, explaining his meaning with ' *the baſeſt purpoſes*, in order to render ' him obnoxious to *Eccleſiaſtical Cenſure*, and to fit him • for *the Pile.*' My explanation of his meaning ſtood thus in No 319. ' But then, to give us a pretty plain • hint in what reſpect he thinks this Religion an *impoſt-ure*,' he adds, [to the quotation recited above] ' That ' the *Inventions of human Pride* (what thoſe are may ' hereafter be ſhewn) have, here and there, defaced its ' primitive beauty.' Upon which words I obſerved, that • till he vouchſafes to *ſhew* us, what he means by the • *Inventions of human Pride*, we cannot but imagine, • that he means thereby all the *Credenda* peculiar to • Chriſtianity, and all the *Agenda*, except the *Moral* ' *Precepts* which are the only parts of it, of which • he has ſpoken the leaſt favourable word.' —— To this he replies, in No. 133. ' Thus he makes me ' ſay, that every part of Chriſtianity, (for Moral Pre-' cepts are no original *revealed* part of Chriſtianity) is ' the *Invention*, &c. Now, I have not ſaid all this, as • by his own confeſſion I have not; ſince I have not, as ' he calls it, vouchſafed to ſhew what I mean by *Inven-• tions of human Pride*'. It is very true, you *have not ſaid all this*, nor did I *ſay* you had. Yet you have given us, as I have already told you, *a pretty plain hint*, in No. 98. that you *meant* all this, by your abſurd Diviſion of the whole of Chriſtianity into ' the [Moral] *Doctrine* of ' Chriſt, and into *the Things revealed* by Chriſt, or *Ar-• ticles of Faith*': the former of which, you ſay, ' may • be brought, as well as the pure Precepts of *Moral Phi-• loſophy*, to the ſame ſtandard of *Divine Truth*'. Your *meaning* is rendered yet ſomewhat *plainer*, by the reaſon you give in No. 112. why, there is no Religion ſubſiſt-• ing that you would prefer to Chriſtianity, even ſuppo-• ſing it an *impoſture*, viz. becauſe *it is full of moſt excel-• lent Morals*, &c.' And it is even ſtill *plainer* from the whole paragraph, wherein you declare, that ' as a *Philo-• ſopher*, you acknowledge the exiſtence of a ſupreme Be-' ing, &c. that as to the Chriſtian Religion (even ſuppo-' ſing it an impoſture) there is not a Religion now ſubſiſt-' ing, that you would prefer to it, &c. that (as a *Philoſo-' pher* ſtill) you know no State can ſubſiſt without a *publick* ' *Religion*, &c.' In every part of this declaration, you ſpeak in the perſon of a PHILOSOPHER; of one, who, ac-cording to your own account, is to be *ſuppoſed ignorant of the Divine Will*, as *revealed in Scriptures*, and *coming at the knowledge of a* GOD, *and of* TRUE VIRTUE, ſolely *by the means of the faculties he has.* As a PHILOSOPHER, *ſuppoſing the Chriſtian Religion an impoſture*, you notwith-ſtanding declare, that *there is not a Religion now ſubſiſting that you would prefer to it*; conſequently not the Jewiſh, which you muſt ſuppoſe equally an *impoſture*, otherwiſe you muſt think it preferable to *one*. As a PHILOSOPHER, you commend only the *Moral Precepts* of the Goſpel, but have not given the leaſt token of your approbation of any of its other parts; whereby it is peculiarly diſtin-guiſhed from all other Religions. And as your general charge of the *Inventions of human Pride* comes imme-diately after your commendation of the *Moral Precepts*, it was very natural to interpret thoſe *Inventions*, as le-velled againſt all the other parts of Chriſtianity, of which you have not hitherto ſpoken one favourable word.

Your manner of profeſſing yourſelf a Chriſtian, at the concluſion of this Reply, is a confirmation of the charge which has been brought againſt you. ' As to my not • having declared the Chriſtian Religion *not* to be an ' impoſture, 'till it is a part of the eſtabliſhed Religion ' of my Country, for every Individual to make a Con-' feſſion of his Faith, and particular Belief, to a *Grub-' ſtreet Prieſt*, when called upon, I ſhall beg leave to ' be ranked among the number of Chriſtians, on the ſame ' terms that the reſt of the Nation are.' 'Tis ſtrange, that the want of this authority in a *Grub-ſtreet Prieſt* ſhould be urged by a *Philoſopher*, as a reaſon why he will not even ſo much as *declare the Chriſtian Religion* NOT *to be an impoſture.* Had he been indeed *called upon* by ſuch a *Prieſt to make a confeſſion of his Faith* to Him, the reaſon here alleged might have had ſome force in it; but as it is now put, it has none at all. I think, as well as he, that it would be unreaſonable, that EVERY INDI-VIDUAL *ſhould make a confeſſion of his Faith to a Grub-ſtreet Prieſt*: yet I think, at the ſame time, that a *Grub-ſtreet Prieſt* would be the moſt proper *Confeſſor* for a *Grub-ſtreet Philoſopher*; which he plainly ſhews himſelf to be in this very paragraph.

I beg leave, ſays he, to be counted a Chriſtian, ' on ' the ſame Terms that the reſt of the Nation are; viz. by ' my profeſſing myſelf to be a *willing*, *uncompelled* Mem-' ber of a Community, where *Chriſtianity* is the eſta-' bliſhed Religion;' What! are the *Terms, on which the reſt of the Nation are* ranked among Chriſtians, *your pro-feſſing yourſelf, &c?* But not to inſiſt on the nonſenſe in this place, let us take it in your own intended ſenſe. ' The *Terms* on which the reſt of the Nation are ranked ' among the number of Chriſtians are, their profeſſing ' themſelves, &c.' By *Community* you here plainly mean the whole *Community* of Chriſtians in this kingdom of all denominations. And therefore your aſſertion is falſe: be-cauſe the *Terms*, on which all other perſons, except *Phi-loſophers*, are *ranked among Chriſtians*, are their profeſſing themſelves Members of ſome particular *Community* of Chriſtians, with whom they hold communion, and by whom they are acknowledged to do ſo. Nor does your following illuſtration at all clear up this matter: ' in the ' ſame manner, as I acknowledge myſelf to be a *willing* ' and *uncompelled* ſubject of a Body Politick, where *Li-' berty* is the Baſis of the Government.' Tho' the *manner* of your *profeſſing* or *acknowledging* yourſelf to be a *will-ling Member* of the Chriſtian Community, and a *willing ſubject* of the *Body Politick* may be the *ſame*; yet the *manner* in which you really are obliged to ſhew yourſelf the latter, is very different from that in which you pre-tend to be the former. You deſire to be counted a *Chriſ-tian*, without being a Member of any particular Society of Chriſtians, or being ſubject to any Eccleſiaſtical rules or laws. But you cannot be counted a *Subject*, without being aſſociated with others in ſome particular diſtrict, and yielding obedience to the Civil laws of your countrey. Influenced by the penalties of theſe, (tho' ſome of them *the Inventions of human Pride*, as well as *Policy*) you ſub-mit to be incorporated in ſome leſſer Political *Body*, in order to ſhew yourſelf *a ſubject of the whole Body Politick.* On the contrary, having no apprehenſion of Eccleſiaſti-cal penalties, you ſeem to ſcorn all communion with any leſſer Chriſtian Society; and yet ſeem deſirous to be counted a Member of the national *Community* profeſſing Chriſtianity: tho' you commend only the *Moral* part of this Religion; tho' you repreſent the reſt as *defaced* by *the Inventions of human Pride*, and aſſume the name of a *Philoſopher*, in oppoſition to that of a *Chriſtian.*

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FOREIGN NEWS.

THURSDAY, *Mar.* 18. They are actually preparing at Paris magnificent liveries for King Staniſlaus. *LP. G.*

The King of Sardinia continues to raiſe new levies, as if peace was not ſo much as thought of. *LP.*

FRIDAY, *Mar.* 19. —— *Liſbon, Feb.* 16. From Jan. 1. laſt year to Dec. 31. the number of ſhips which entered this harbour are, 283 French, 376 Engliſh, 104 Dutch, 24 Swediſh, 6 Daniſh, 5 Spaniſh, 5 Malteſe, 4 from Lubeck, 3 from Hamburgh, 1 from Dantzick, and 86 belonging to divers Portugueſe merchants. *DJ.*

Paris, Mar. 24. The antient Biſhop of Montauban has yielded all his revenues patrimonial, to the Marquis de Vaubecourt his nephew, &c. *DJ.* —— *Are there 2* Biſhops of Montauban, *one* antient, *the other* modern?

SATURDAY, *Mar.* 20. The Lord Delawar arrived at the Hague the 24th. N. S. and propoſed to ſet out the 26th for Utrecht, on his way to the Court of Saxe-Gotha. *P. DP. DA.*

Berlin, Mar. 17. 'Tis talked that the King's troops will be augmented to 100,000 men. *DJ. DA.* — We look upon this account to be a very extravagant one. *DP.*

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